

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 3, starting on line 29 and continuing to Page 4, line 3, delete as follows:

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On Page 6, starting on line 10 and continuing to line 18, delete as follows:

~~By touching the plus button 37 again, the control device 21 switches from the power stage 48 to the next higher power stage 49 which is indicated in the seven segment display 35 by the sign "1" as shown in FIG. 2. In this power stage 49 the minimum gas supply of 20% required for continuous operation of the gas burner is fed continuously to the burner 1. The further heating powers up to the highest power stage 51 which is represented by the sign "9" and is associated~~

~~with a maximum heating power of the gas burner can be adjusted in a corresponding manner by means of the power regulator 31. The minus button 39 of the power regulator 31 should be actuated to reduce the heating power of the gas burner 1 as far as the lowest heating power stage 47 with the sign " ".~~

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